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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2584
INFO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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TAGS: PINT PEPR PINS DR
SUBJ: DOMINICAN SITUATION

1. IN A CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON ANOTHER
SUBJECT, FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI NOTED RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DR CONCERNING THE ELECTORAL BOARD AND
SAID THESE WERE VERY WORRISOME. HE ALSO NOTED THE EXPULSION
OF FELIPE ALVAREZ (SEE SEPTEL. HE ASKED HOW
WE SAW THINGS.

2. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT WE VIEWED THE JCE DECISION
ON CASTILLO AS A MATTER OF CONCERN, BUT WE DID NOT
BELIEVE THAT THE DECISION SHOULD BE TAKEN BY ITSELF
AS AN INDICATION THAT THE PRD VICTORY WAS GOING TO BE
OVERTURNED (SANTO DOMINGO 3101) HE SAID THAT THE
USG HAD, PRIVATELY AND QUIETLY, MADE IT CLEAR TO ALL
CONCERNED IN THE DR THAT THE USG BELIEVED THE ELECTIONS
REPRESENTED THE FREE EXPRESSION OF THE WILL OF THE
DOMINICAN PEOPLE, AND THAT ANY ACTIONS WHICH
THREATENED THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS UNDER WHATEVER
PRETEXT WOULD HAVE THE MOST SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES
FOR US-DR RELATIONS (STATE 143061). AMBASSADOR ADDED
THAT HE THOUGHT THIS WAS A TIME FOR CALMNESS, AND
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NOT FOR PUBLIC DECLARATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS. CONSALVI
SAID HE DEFINITELY AGREED.

3. CONSALVI SAID THAT VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT MAJHUTIA
AND PENA GOMEZ HAD PLANNED TO FLY TO CARACAS TODAY
(JUNE 7) BY PRIVATE PLANE TO CONFER WITH PRES PEREZ.
PEREZ, CONSALVI SAID, WANTED TO COUNSEL THEM TO REMAIN

COOL AND MODERATE. HOWEVER, THEY INFORMED CARACAS
THAT DUE "TO SOME PROBLEMS" THEY COULD NOT LEAVE
SANTO DOMINGO THIS MORNING. AMBASSADOR ASKED IF THEY
WERE PROHIBITED FROM LEAVING, AND CONSALVI SAID HE
DID NOT KNOW; THEY ONLY DESCRIBED IT AS "PROBLEMS."
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